

and claims 1-26. However, Applicants traverse the election requirement and present below additional claims which are generic to all species originally claimed in the present application and which therefore read on the provisionally elected group I. Applicants respectfully request that Examiner reconsider and withdraw the election requirement based on the presence of at least one generic claim.

AMENDMENTS

In The Claims

Please amend the claims as follows.

Please add the following claim(s):

~~Sub 85~~ 50. A coupler for coupling corrugated and smooth-walled conduit comprising:
at least one arcuate coupling member having a length, a width, and an arcuate surface defined by an arc of a variable but predetermined number of degrees, which number of degrees is determinable as a function of the diameter of conduit to be coupled;
at least a first cooperating attaching component at a first end of said at least one coupling member.

51. The coupler of claim 50 wherein said coupler comprises:
at least a second arcuate coupling member having a length, a width and an arcuate surface defined by an arc of a variable but predetermined number of degrees, which number of degrees is determinable as a function of the diameter of conduit to be coupled; wherein said at least a second arcuate coupling member is hingedly attached at a first end to a second end of said at least one arcuate coupling member; and
a second arcuate cooperating attaching component at a second end of said at least a second arcuate coupling member, wherein said at least a second arcuate coupling member is thereby attachable to said at least one arcuate coupling member to completely encircle a conduit to be coupled, or is attachable to an additional arcuate member.